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TAGS: PFOL, EFIS, DLOS, EC, US

SUBJECT: FISHERIES DISPUTE

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO COMPLEMENT THE MOORE-CLINGAN MISSION WITH AN APPROACH AT THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL OF THE GOE TO ENLIST SUPPORT FOR A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. ACCORDINGLY, SHOULD MESSRS MOORE AND CLINGAN CONCUR, YOU SHOULD SEEK AN APPOINTMENT ASAP WITH PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SECRETARY TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS ORALLY.

2. WE WILL WORK WITH THE GOE TO ISOLATE THE FISHERIES ISSUE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONS. BUT REALISTICALLY BOTH SIDES HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT NO COMPLETE SEPARATION IS POSSIBLE. THESE RECURRENT DISPUTES ARE BOUND TO AFFECT THE ENTIRE RANGE OF OUR
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MUTUAL INTERESTS. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, CONGRESSIONAL

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC OPINION IN THIS COUNTRY WILL NOT PERMIT OTHERWISE.

3. CLEARLY, WHAT BOTH COUNTRIES NEED IS A SOLUTION WHICH WILL END THE SEIZURES. OUR PAST EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE ONE HAVE BEEN SPASMODIC AND HAVE TOO OFTEN TAKEN PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CRISIS. THIS TIME THE USG IS PREPARED TO EXPLORE ALL POSSIBILITIES IN A SUSTAINED AND DETERMINED

FASHION. WE HOPE THE GOE WILL RECIPROCATE.

4. IT MAY BE USEFUL AT THIS POINT TO REVIEW THOSE ELEMENTS OF US POLICY THAT APPEAR TO BE MISUNDERSTOOD.

(A) IT IS THE POLICY OF THE USG NEITHER TO ENCOURAGE NOR TO DISCOURAGE THE PURCHASE OF ECUADOREAN LICENSES BY US FISHING VESSELS. DECISIONS TO BUY OR NOT TO BUY LICENSES ARE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF THOSE VESSELS. THE USG DOES NOT INTERFERE IN ANY WAY.

(B) PROPOSED BOYCOTTS OR EMBARGOES OF ECUADOREAN FISH PRODUCTS AND OTHER EXPORTS DO NOT REFLECT CURRENT USG POLICY. THESE PROPOSALS ARE THE INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVES OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND LABOR UNIONS TO WHICH THE USG HAS GIVEN NO SUPPORT.

(C) WE ARE INTERESTED IN NEGOTIATION; NOT IN COERCION OR RETALIATION. OUR PURPOSE IS TO CONSTRUCT A COOPERATIVE AND PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH ECUADOR. TO DO THAT WE MUST FIND A SOLUTION TO THIS TROUBLESOME PROBLEM.

(D) MESSRS. MOORE AND CLINGAN HAVE COME TO ECUADOR WITH A FORTHCOMING US POSITION. THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO EXAMINE WITH THE GOE ALL POSSIBILITIES IN A SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL AND COMPROMISE. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL BE RECEIVED WITH AN EQUALLY CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE. WE ARE WILLING TO EXAMINE OTHER VIEWS.

5. FYI: WE PREFER TO WITHHOLD A DECISION ON YOUR CONFIDENTIAL

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